

paid to him pending the determination of the appeal. If the appeal shall be from the order of the director of social welfare, raising or lowering the amount paid to a recipient, and if the order of the director of social welfare shall not be sustained, then the recipient shall receive the amount, if any, theretofore fixed by the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. [261.125] **Appeal to district court.** The officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction may question the validity of any rule or regulation of the director of social welfare and the district court where the political subdivision having jurisdiction is located shall have power to determine the validity of any such rule or regulation by original proceedings in the court. Either the director of social welfare, or the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction may appeal from such decision to the supreme court in the same manner as other appeals in civil actions.

Sec. 4. [261.126] **Protests against granting of relief.** Any taxpayer of the state, resident therein, may appear at any time before the officer or officers of the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the county wherein he resides and protest the granting or continuance of any individual general relief or general assistance or any portion thereof, with the same right to appeal to the director of social welfare as granted an applicant or recipient.

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CHAPTER 465—S. F. No. 1318

An act relating to livestock buyers or dealers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 239.18, Subdivisions 3 and 4.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 239.18, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Surety bonds; filing, when not required.** Each applicant shall file with his application a surety bond issued by a responsible surety company in the sum of \$5,000, in which the commission shall be the obligee but which shall be for the purpose of protecting any person dealing with such applicant, or his or their agent or agents, *within the state of Minnesota*, from loss by reason of acts of fraud, dishonesty, forgery, and theft on the part of the principal or his or their agents and

representatives. Such bond shall run for the duration of the license and shall terminate upon the expiration of the license. The commission shall thereupon issue to such applicant, on payment of the sum of \$7.50, a license entitling the applicant to conduct the business of buying livestock at the places named in the application until July 1. A similar license shall be issued to each agent upon the payment of \$7.50, and no agent shall engage in the buying or dealing in livestock without first securing a license.

No surety bond shall be required of any agent or employee of a livestock commission merchant, person, firm, or corporation, licensed under this section. Unless otherwise cancelled by the commission or the licensee, the license of all agents or employees shall terminate with the expiration of the principal's license. An agent's or employee's license may be cancelled by the principal when such cancellation has been approved by the commission.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 239.18, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Licenses; granted, revoked.** The commission may decline to grant or may revoke a license when it is satisfied that (1) the applicant or licensee has violated the laws of this state governing the shipment or transportation of livestock; (2) that the applicant or licensee has been guilty of fraudulent practices in the purchase of livestock or in dealing in livestock; or (3) that the applicant or licensee has violated or failed to comply with the provisions of sections 239.13 to 239.22, 239.26, and 239.27. Before any license shall be revoked the licensee shall be furnished with a *statement* of the *complaints* made against him and a hearing shall be had before the commission upon at least ten days' notice to the licensee to determine whether such license shall be revoked or declined, which notice may be served either by registered mail addressed to the address of the licensee as shown in his application or in the manner provided by law for the service of a summons. At the time and place fixed for hearing the commission or any official, employee, or agent of the commission authorized by the commission shall receive evidence, administer oaths, examine witnesses, and hear the testimony, and thereafter file an order either dismissing the proceedings or revoking the license.

Sec. 3. *This act shall be in effect from and after July 1, 1953.*

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